

New Yorkers For A Day

An Opal Necklace of Perfectly Graded and matched Stones, to Cost \$15,000 When Complete, Is Being Built Up From Gems Found in Only Opal Mine on This Continent—Florida Man Suggests Fibre of the Palmetto for Use in Manufacture of Print Paper.

Opals, according to J. L. Matthews, Laredo, Tex., who is at the Hotel Imperial, are losing much of their reputation for being unlucky and are coming into their own as desirable gems or jewels. Whether it is because they are becoming scarce and have increased in price, the Laredo man does not state.

"There is only one mine being worked on this continent where high class opals are found," said Mr. Matthews. "It is located near Mexico City."

"Opals are mined pretty much after the fashion of gold. A tunnel is driven and the rock is blasted out. This rock is then split up by the natives and where there is a trace of opal that piece is handed over to the owner of the mine. It is used in breaking it up, so that the opal will not be broken."

"It may seem surprising, but I have seen two weeks' output of this mine, where fifty men have been working all the time, and I could hold the output in my two hands with ease. And this, mind you, is the rough opal—not the finished product of the jewelry stores."

"The owner of this mine is making an opal necklace. He has been selecting the stones for it for the past five years and probably will be a year or two longer in getting it away he wants it. There will be about seventy-five perfectly matched and graded stones in it, and the price for the necklace will be around \$15,000. This gives you an idea of the value of worthwhile opals."

"Opals do not get 'sick' as do many other gems, but if there is an imperfection in an opal it will keep spreading. Science has not fully explained the why and the wherefore of this, but I have seen a small imperfection, which gave an added novelty to a stone, grow until it covered the entire gem."

MICHIGAN SOCIETIES POPULAR.
"Probably in Michigan fraternal organization is developed to a greater

but at any rate the time law reformers are not among them yet."

PALMETTO PAPER NEXT?

"I am surprised that the capitalists of the North do not see the possibilities in the palmetto of my State for the manufacture of paper," observed D. C. Moriarty, a fruit buyer of Tampa, Fla., who is at the Astor. "The supply is practically inexhaustible and can be cut year after year."

"The growth of the Florida palmetto is very rapid," he went on. "The roots are as large as those of the pine and penetrate for some distance into the soil. It grows in the poorest earth in the State. The forests of Florida have almost been exhausted by the lumber interests, and as a consequence the smaller lakes have dried up and the larger are being greatly reduced. The tree in question serves no practical use to-day, but is cut only for decorative purposes at Christmas time. I firmly believe that there is enough palmetto scrub in Florida to supply the whole country with print paper. Thorough investigation, in my opinion, would be profitable."

FLIVVERS VS. BULLOCKS.

"Even in the Malay Peninsula, where bullocks and rickshaws have been for ages the most fashionable means of transportation, the flivver has become popular," said C. F. F. Wearne, who has managed an automobile agency in Singapore, Straits Settlements, for fourteen years and is now at the Pennsylvania.

"Everybody in the Straits has a car," he continued. "The native of the poorer class saves up \$100 very carefully and borrows enough more

from the 'chatty' or money lender to buy a car. It is an interesting sight to see the people in native dress jump into the modern vehicle and go rushing about the streets."

EUROPE FEELS GERMAN COMPETITION.

"What is pressing us most now in Sweden," declared John Norden, manager of one of the largest steamship plants in that country, who is at the Pennsylvania, "is competition with Germany. Laborers in Germany are willing to work for almost starvation wages as they are hard pressed for money. The world is sending plenty of raw materials, but Germany has little food. The German people as a

result are tolling as no other people in the world, and German industry is suffering. It is an interesting sight to see the people in native dress jump into the modern vehicle and go rushing about the streets."

A. A. T. Handball Tourney.

The first major outdoor handball tournament of the year will start next Saturday afternoon on the court of the Brighton Beach Baths. The meet will be conducted under the auspices of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. T. Silver cups will be awarded the winners in the singles and doubles, while the defeated finalists will receive gold medals.

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